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SUBJECT: MAMMOTH TISSUE PRESENTATION

1. (BEGIN TEXT) IN A BRIEF CEREMONY ON MARCH 7 AT THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ACADEMICIAN GEORGIY SKRYABIN, SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBER FOR BIO-CHEMISTRY, PRESENTED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY'S COUNSELOR FOR SCIENCE ALLEN GREENBERG TWENTY-FIVE GRAMS OF TISSUE FROM A 40,000 YEAR OLD BABY MAMMOTH, FOUND BY THE SOVIETS ON JUNE 23, 1977, IN NORTHERN SIBERIA. PACKED IN DRY ICE, THE TISSUE WILL BE SENT TO PROFESSOR ALLEN C. WILSON OF BERKELEY FOR BIOCHEMICAL ANALYSIS.
2. BEFORE PRESENTING THE SPECIMEN, ACADEMICIAN SKRYABIN NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE ENJOYED EXTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS CHARACTERIZED BY AN IMPRESSIVE HISTORY OF COOPERATION, EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS AND INFORMATION, AND JOINT PROJECTS. THE FIELD OF BIOLOGY HAS PROVEN TO BE AN ESPECIALLY RICH AREA FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS.
3. DR. GREENBERG EXPRESSED THANKS ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN SIDE, OBSERVING THAT "REZULTATY ANALIZOV, PROVEDEN-UNCLASSIFIED

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O PLANETAKH MARS I VENERA. V NASTOYASHCHEYE VREMYA AMERIKANSKIY SVERKHPROVODYASHCHIY MAGNIT USTANOVLEN V INSTITUTE VYSOKIKH TEMPERATUR AKADEMII NAUK I POMOGAYET USPESHNOMU PROVEDENIYU PROGRAMMY PO IZUCHENIYU NOVOGO MNOGOOBESHCHAYUSHCHEGO METODA PROIZVODSTVA ELEKTROENERGII. VSE ETI PRIMERY NAUCHNYKH OBMENOV DOKAZYVAYUT, CHTO AMERIKANSKIYE I SOVETSKIYE UCHENYYE, RABOTAYA SOVMESTNO NA VZAIMOVYGDNOY OSNOVE, MOGUT RAZDVINUT' GRANITSY ZNANIY NA POL'ZU OBEIKH NASHIKH STRAN I VSEGO CHELOVECHESTVA."

4. DURING THE CEREMONY ACADEMICIAN VLADIMIR SOKOLOV, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF EVOLUTIONARY MORPHOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OF ANIMALS, EXPLAINED THAT THE MAMMOTH FIND WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE CHANNELS OF INVESTIGATION IT OPENS UP IN THE FIELD OF BIOCHEMISTRY. HE ANNOUNCED THAT SOVIET SCIENTISTS INTENDED TO PUBLISH A SPECIAL WORK ON MAMMOTHS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEIR AMERICAN COLLEAGUES WOULD OFFER THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDY.

5. THE MAMMOTH SPECIMEN WILL BE PUT ON BOARD A PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT TO NEW YORK WEDNESDAY MORNING, WHERE IT WILL BE PICKED UP BY PROFESSOR WILSON FOR THE FINAL LEG OF ITS JOURNEY TO BERKELEY. (END TEXT)

6. VOA MAY WISH TO CONTACT DR. WILSON EITHER IN NEW YORK THROUGH PAN AM OFFICES AT JFK AIRPORT OR AT BERKELEY (HIS CALIFORNIA TEL. NO. IS AREA CODE 415, 642-7437) FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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